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## CIRCULATION BOOKS OPEN TO ADVERTISERS

Corpus Christi, Texas. Sunday Morning, December 8, 1918.

## NUCES FORGES AHEAD.

Government reports record that up to November 14, last, the cotton crop of Nueces County, amounted to 39,619 bales, as compared with 9,944 bales ginned at a similar period one year ago. Final reports will probably increase these figures to 40,000 bales.

The report is worthy of special attention, pointing out as it does the fact that within a few years the agricultural development of Nueces County has gone forward with amazing bounds.

It was only a few years ago that Nueces County was given over almost entirely to the raising of livestock. The splendid crop raised this year places Nueces County fifteenth in the list of cotton producing counties of Texas.

As yet the plow has touched less than one-fourth of the land susceptible to cultivation and this fact should point out to those interested in the agricultural development of Nueces County that they have abundant proof of the value of farm lands of this county to present to farmers elsewhere who are becoming interested in the Texas coast section.

## LAND TEXAS SOLDIERS IN GALVESTON.

The Galveston Commercial Association has undertaken a movement to convince the War Department of the desirability and advisability of disembarking at Galveston port, those troops who live in Texas and other Southwestern states, on their return from France.

Relatives and friends of our boys are asked to become interested in this matter by writing to Senators Sheppard and Culberson and Representative Garner, expressing the desire that these representatives of the people, take up this matter with the War Department.

Should the War Department act favorably on the Galveston request the decision will mean that the relatives and friends of the lads "over there" will have an opportunity of greeting them at the gang-plank of the ship on their return home, without making an expensive trip to Eastern ports, already selected, by Secretary Baker.

## A CALL TO THE WORKERS.

Those men and women who have been selected to assist in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, should accept the committee appointments, as an opportunity for service, and it, of course, goes without saying, that they will devote their very best efforts to make true the slogan "Every Nueces County man, woman and child a member of the Red Cross."

The importance of this drive at the Yuletide season is set forth by H. P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, in the following letter to B. F. Bonner, director of the Christmas Roll Call in this section of Texas:

"I am issuing today a statement to the chapters and Red Cross members to which I earnestly call your attention in the hope that you will see to it that that statement is brought to the attention of every man and woman in your territory as that statement will indicate.

"I cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance of the forthcoming Christmas Roll Call. Conference with our commissioners in Europe together with conferences I have held here the last two days with President Wilson, with our Division Manager and our heads of departments have shown clearly that the field for Red Cross effort is going to be upon a tremendous scale and of a beautiful and inspiring character.

"As we shall conduct no further campaign for war funds, the Roll Call will constitute the very foundation of Red Cross efforts in the future and I firmly believe that the future of the Red Cross will be dictated to service which cannot receive less than the wholehearted and active support of the whole American people and its ability to realize that future will be dependent upon that support alone.

"I urge you and your assistants to exert redoubled efforts to make this Roll Call in the period of transition from war to peace such a tremendous success that our Red Cross organization which has been built to such huge proportions out of love, sympathy and effort during the war may continue to be an agency of human service worthy of the whole American nation.

Chairman Miller has wired that the members of the Corpus Christi committee report for instructions next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock in the council chamber of the city hall.

The committees should understand that the success of the campaign in Nueces County naturally depends upon the amount of labor and enthusiasm that they put into the work.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

If for no other reason than that of self-interest, being assured of first selection of goods, the Christmas shopper should pay heed to the request that Christmas goods be purchased during the present week.

Cheeks in Corpus Christi stores appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who, at this time, adopt this "shop-early" suggestion.

## CONCERNING LOVE.

Hamilton Herald. A lady who loves a sailor told us that "she loved the very dock he walked on." Now this same sailor is a naval aviator, and we presume the lady "loves the very air he flies through."

Why, of course she does. That is the way for any young lady to love a young gentleman—to love the very scenery of which he is a part. Young men as a rule are not very scenic, it is true, but when a girl is in love she can discern perfections even in the feet of her idol, notwithstanding she may later discover he has feet of clay. Love is such a beautiful thing, so comprehensive, in its virtuous, that it can invest with beauty even a young man with a buttonhole mouth and a mustache-wide mustache. For a young man to live the ground his darling walks on, the air she breathes, the house she lives in, the curtains that garnish the windows of her-hallowed little room, is one of the most natural and admirable things in the world. State Press is a practicalist, but he would no more report the tender shrubbery in the garden of love than he would steal seed wheat from a

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## Amusements

Case of the Telegraph Lines: The president said, in his address to Congress, that he stood ready and anxious to release the railroads from government control, but he will stand in that address any declaration of his readiness and anxiety to release the telegraph, telephone and cable lines from government control. His only reference to the case of these is in the form of an explanation of his action in taking control of the cables after the war had ended. It is rather a good explanation. It appears that the cable companies were not co-operating with the result that there was a great congestion, and he was advised by a committee of authority who it transpires, was Mr. Theodore S. Vail, that the only way to make the cable service available to the extraordinary demands of the government was to seize the operation of them under government control. That is an explanation which has some explanatory power, and one which, if it had been made at the time of action, would have saved the president a good deal of criticism prompted by the unjust and foolish suspicion that he seized the cables that he might better choose the news that will be sent to us concerning the peace conference. But the particular point is that while the president declared his readiness and anxiety to return the railroads to their owners, he made no such dedication as to the telegraph, telephone and cable lines, nor so much as alluded to the question of their future disposition.

What is the inference? It may not necessarily be that, although opposed to government ownership of railroads, the president is in favor of government ownership of telegraph, telephone and cable lines. But if that is not the necessary inference, it is a highly plausible one. If he had said nothing as to either of these questions, his silence might have signified nothing but that he had come to no conclusion. But having declared himself on one and having remained silent on the other, it is a fair deduction that his silence means he is at least inclined to favor government ownership of telegraph, telephone, and perhaps of cable lines. Both prepositions are governed by the same political principles, but the practical considerations which affect them are considerably different.

And that the president is not much concerned with the question of principle involved in government ownership is indicated by the fact that, in his address, he treated it purely as a question of expedience. The postmaster general is evidently in favor of having the government own the telegraph and telephone lines as essential to a complete postal service. In his latest annual report he argues for that policy valiantly, and if the president is opposed he neglected in inviting opportunity to do so.—Galveston News.

ECHOES OF SCIENCE

China has more slaves than all the rest of the world put together.

The world's production of cocoons now amounts to more than 250,000 pounds a year.

Natal is building up an industry in the manufacture of starch from sweet potatoes.

A spring wire clip which holds a cap securely on the edge of a plate has been patented.

Government geologists have discovered a large deposit of high grade iron ore in Queensland.

An electric motor has been invented for winding watches where many are to be wound at a time.

The greater part of Chilean coal is so soft that fully 20 per cent. of it is wasted at the mines.

A combination of spirit tube and pendulum enables a new level to be used to measure angles accurately.

Great Britain is raising about 300,000 acres of potatoes this year, about 25 per cent. more than last year.

SOME LATE ONES

An Eye on the Future.

Husband—He might be yours boy mad, he might be your colonel some day,—"Jewell" (Mrs.) Republican.

Hits the Mark.

Husband—It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives.

Wife—"Oh, you bluffer!"—Judge.

His Notes Are Good.

"Is the living he makes on a sound basis?"

You bet it is. He beats the base drum in a band.—Baltimore American.

How to Do It.

We have been married ten years without an argument.

That's right. Let her have her own way. Don't argue.—Boston Transcript.

One Truthful One.

Frank—When you're proposed to how I suppose she said: "This is so sudden."

Ernest—No, she was honest and said: "This suspense has been terrible!"—Meddy.

Secondary Consideration.

Widower—I suppose that when you recall what a handsome man your husband was, you wouldn't consider me for a minute?

Widow—"Oh, yes, I would. But I wouldn't consider you for a second."

Orange Peel.

A Bay Beginning, Etc.

She—When we go anywhere now we have to take the street car. Before our marriage you always called a taxi.

He—"Exactly. And that's the reason we have to go in the street-car now!"—Boston Transcript.

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Rate of Beers Gives to Men Marsh the "Slaves."

Playing the role of an Oriental charwoman was not without discomfort for Mae Marsh, the delightful Galadriella star, who had previously never left the slightest impression in the more parts she had been called upon to portray. Work in the studio and on location has always been as much play for her, but chanting word incantations in the garb of an Egyptian sorceress as she does in the latest Goldwyn picture, "Money Mad," which comes to the laboratory theatre today, got up her nerves, she said.

"Being dressed as a giant negro, as I was in 'The Birth of a Nation,' was child's play compared with the feeling that came over me in my first experience in the play for an Egyptian charwoman," remarked Miss Marsh.

"It all seemed so weird, and, though I never for a moment forgot that it was all acting, I must confess that it got on my nerves at first. The weird surroundings, the dimly lighted halls and the winter-looking studios about the place, gave me moments of uneasiness, but soon I was myself again found much that was pleasant in the role for you know, I've always wanted to play in such a role."

Famous Novel in Photoplay Form Fine Production.

In her new starring vehicle, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which will be shown at the Amiens Theatre today, Marguerite Clark, celebrated as the sexiest girl in motion pictures, portrays the roles of Eva and Topsy, two widely dissimilar characters, but which she handles with the skill of the true actress.

This is a splendid picturization of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel, publication of which did much to bring on the Civil War and resulted in the emancipation of the slaves. It is in many languages and in print of numbers the sales of the book exceeded that of any story ever published. The principal incidents of the story are embodied in the photoplay and collectively they form one of the finest picture productions ever made by any motion picture corporation.

Uncle Tom is a kindly slave who is sold and sent to the South. When on a steamboat on the Mississippi river he saves the life of Eva St. Clare, whose father purchases him as a reward for his bravery. St. Clare purposes to set him free, but Uncle Tom, who occurs soon after Eva's demise, prevents this and Uncle Tom is sold to Simon Legree, a brutal planter, who maltreats him so severely that he dies from his injuries not as the son of his former owner, but as the son of his master.

Miss Clark portrays the roles of Eva and Topsy, a slave girl, two parts that stand out distinctly above all others. She is admirably supported by well known screen players of recognized ability.

MUNITIONS PLANT TO TURN MANUFACTURE OF DYES

By The Associated Press.

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 7.—The plant of the Biphasate Powder Company, near here, which had gradually been enlarged since the beginning of the war until it had become one of the greatest producers of the deadly "T. N. T." explosive in the country, has partly shut down and may be converted into a dye works.

It was built 10 years ago with a small capacity for the manufacture of dyes for use in the Michigan and Minnesota mining districts and in blowing up tree stumps in the Northwest lumber regions.

When the European war broke out it was greatly enlarged and turned out explosives day and night for the allies. When the United States entered the war the plant again was enlarged and specialized in the manufacture of "T. N. T."

Just before the armistice was signed the company employed 5,000 men and was shipping twenty cars of "T. N. T." daily. It was a cargo of explosives from this plant which nearly destroyed the city of Halifax a year ago.

Thousands of deep sea mines were laid at this plant in the last few years. The explosives were melted and poured into the mines in liquid form and showed to solidity in cooling. The mines were designed to explode by spark and unusual precautions had to be exercised in shipping them.

SEEKS LAW TO PREVENT FARMERS FROM EXPOSING COTTON ALREADY GINNED

By The Associated Press.

Brenham, Texas, Dec. 7.—If the recommendation of W. A. Yates, farm demonstration agent for Washington County, are carried out, a bill will be introduced at the next session of the Texas Legislature making it unlawful for Texas farmers to leave exposed to the weather, their cotton after it has been ginned.

The deterioration in cotton left exposed to the weather is now daily amounting to large sums of money, says Mr. Yates. "Why the farmer who carefully picks the last lock of cotton in his field, and after ginning same, leaves it exposed to the weather, thus incurring a loss of from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per bale, is beyond all understanding."

Many complaints are now being sent to the agricultural department about the unsatisfactory condition of exposed cotton, which may result in a bill being passed by Congress, in the interests of national conservation, compelling the owner of cotton to properly store and care for the staple in his possession. Such a law will require that every bale of cotton be kept thoroughly protected from the weather until sold to the manufacturer or exporter.

The recent rains have played havoc with cotton left exposed and with the selling of this class will come a reckoning, and it is the buyer who reaps the losses who pays.

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